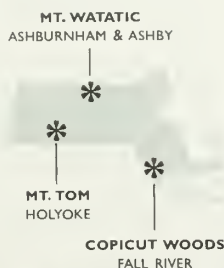


## Building Open Space Networks

Preserving the integrity of the Massachusetts landscape requires the creation of an open space network that links large, contiguous parcels of land. It's a strategy that requires expertise and complex partnerships.

Mt. Tom rises above the Connecticut River in the heart of the region people refer to simply as "the Valley." Thanks to recent efforts of The Trustees and others, a critical piece of this scenic landscape has been saved forever for wildlife and people.



Since June, The Trustees has played a pivotal role in protecting 1,138 acres across the Commonwealth. At first glance, the diverse landscapes—which range from a large forest on the coast to a mountain on the New Hampshire border—seem to have nothing in common, though all are equally scenic. But, says Director of Land Conservation Wes Ward, all three projects are in fact the early results of an ambitious strategy set forth by The Trustees that seeks to create an extensive network of public open space across the state.

As Wes explains, the threat to our landscape isn't just the pace or amount of development, both of which have increased over the past 50 years. It's the scattered nature of development as well. Small developments in the wrong place can fragment animal habitat or compromise a watershed, spreading devastating effects throughout the surrounding landscape and community.

To preserve the integrity of the Massachusetts landscape, The Trustees' 1997 Landscape Protection Plan called for the protection of large, contiguous parcels of land across the state that would be connected to form extensive open space networks. It's a strategy that requires expertise, complex

partnerships, and intensive negotiations. But the results are protected ecosystems that can support a wide range of wildlife and inspire visitors.

### MOUNT TOM HOLYOKE

In the Connecticut River Valley, mountain peaks frame the broad floodplain of the Connecticut River, one of only 14 American Heritage Rivers in the nation. Here, land is being lost at an alarming rate, and the Landscape Protection Plan called for establishing a flagship reservation that would protect a beloved landscape of regional significance.

Land Protection Specialist Charlie Wyman could hardly have found a better site than the former ski area in the heart of the Mt. Tom range. Part of one of the largest unfragmented forests in the valley and harboring more than 30 rare species, the property was threatened by active quarrying. A year-long collaborative effort to protect the property came to a successful conclusion in July, when The Trustees, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased 357 acres of the property for \$2.7 million.

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## KENDALL'S CORNER

### Ablaze with Accomplishments

More than any other season, fall is the time to step back and admire the landscape from a distance. No single leaf, no matter how glorious, can compare to the panorama of the Massachusetts landscape set ablaze by the color of fall. High summits, rolling fields, expanses of marsh—these are the places from which to view the sweep of the distant horizon and experience the full glory of the changing foliage.

In a similar fashion, fall is the time for us to step back from our daily work and present our members with an accounting of what we have done over the past year. Recently, we've taken steps to improve the view we present of our work.

Each year, we host the Annual Meeting and report to our voting members, the 500 hundred Corporate Trustees. To expand the audience for this most important event, we've taken the Annual Meeting on the road. Last year, we met in New Bedford, increasing the attendance of members from southeastern Massachusetts. This past September, we hosted the meeting in the Berkshires and were rewarded with a surge of members from the western portion of the state.

Our annual report is another means of providing accountability to our members, and this year we've included an abbreviated version in your newsletter so that every member can judge our performance with your resources and support. From conservation to stewardship to education, you'll find an overview of everything you

helped us do in the 2001 fiscal year. If you're intrigued by what you read in this shortened version, you can find the complete annual report on [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org), which is being re-designed and will re-launch in late October. Like the annual meeting and the annual report, the website is another means of providing you with a panoramic view of all that we do.

Fall always seems to pass by in a blur, the time to reflect on the year's accomplishments is also fleeting. Our growth isn't confined to a single season, and even as we invite you to inspect our past performance, we're moving ahead with our work. Three major conservation successes are profiled in our cover story, and in the following pages you'll find new member benefits, an addition to our collections, new plans for Long Point Wildlife Refuge and more.

Andy Kendall  
Executive Director

Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization that preserves, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. Today, The Trustees owns, manages, and interprets 93 reservations totaling over 23,000 acres of land, and protects more than 13,800 acres through the use of conservation restrictions on over 200 parcels of private land. The Trustees of Reservations is not an agency of state government. We rely for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events, and endowments.

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# STEWARDSHIP

## Charting the Future at Long Point Wildlife Refuge

Years in the making, a new management plan for Long Point Wildlife Refuge in West Tisbury calls for increased efforts to highlight the refuge's diverse habitat, rare species, and colorful history as a former hunting camp, sheep common, and Wampanoag settlement.

"Our goal," said Superintendent Chris Egan, "is to help people experience the entire property, from the gnarled oak forests to the tranquil grasslands and unique coastal ponds ecosystems." Doing so, he hopes, will inspire visitors to support stewardship at the refuge.

In response to the plan, expanded hours of operation and easier access to fishing and shellfishing areas will be provided. A series of hunting blinds will be re-created and increased educational programs and materials will be offered to help visitors appreciate the natural and cultural resources at the refuge.

At the same time, the plan takes care to preserve the natural resources of Long Point. A habitat restoration plan will restore nearly 300 acres of heath, savanna, shrublands, woodlands, and grasslands that are reminiscent of the landscape the Wampanoag knew before European immigrants arrived. And because no reservation stands in isolation, the plan urges increased community efforts to protect the watershed of Long Point's coastal salt ponds.

Creating such a comprehensive management plan is a dynamic process that involved ecologists, naturalists, superintendents, and other stewardship professionals. At Long Point, staff searched for rare species of plants and insects, surveyed visitors about their experiences on the refuge, and delved into records relating to the land-use history of Long Point.

The result, says Regional Ecologist Lloyd Raleigh is "a blueprint for balancing conservation and access" that will make sure Long Point remains an inspiring place to visit for generations to come. ■

For more information about the management plan, contact: Lloyd Raleigh at 508/693-7662 (lraleigh@ttor.org).



Long Point is more than a stunning barrier beach. Its varied ecosystems include oak forests, coastal ponds, and scenic grasslands.

## Policy Review Underway at Doane's Falls

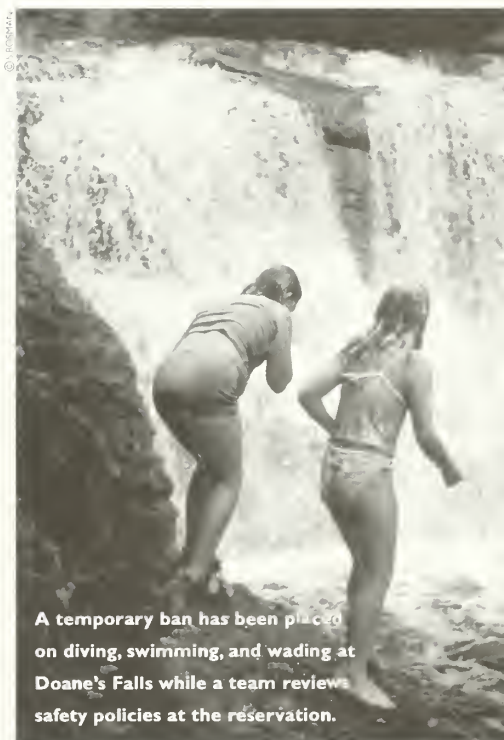
A team of Trustees staff is conducting a review of The Trustees' management of Doane's Falls in Royalston. The review and a ban on all swimming, diving, and wading at Doane's Falls were announced immediately following a fatality at the falls in August.

The reservation will remain open for hiking during the ban, which will remain in place until a new management policy is announced.

"Our mission is to preserve exceptional properties for public enjoyment and we must always consider how our properties, many of them natural and wild, can be safely enjoyed," said Regional Director Dick O'Brien O'Brien said. "With properties like Doane's Falls, we are constantly reviewing the balance between allowing for the fullest use and providing for the safest use."

The review of safety measures will consider those now in effect, those that might be added, and whether or not there should be a permanent ban on swimming, diving, and wading. As part of the process, the review team will consider input from the Royalston Board of Selectmen, local fire and police officials, and members of the community and The Trustees. A new policy is expected to be in place by next spring. ■

Members are invited to send their comments to The Trustees of Reservations, Doyle Reservation, 325 Lindell Ave, Leominster, MA 01453-5414 (central@ttor.org).



A temporary ban has been placed on diving, swimming, and wading at Doane's Falls while a team reviews safety policies at the reservation.

### ARTISTS AT LONG POINT: A VISUAL DIALOGUE

The Trustees recently teamed up with local artists to create an outdoor exhibit that blended art with nature. Sculptures ranging from dinosaurs to a whimsical birdhouse were displayed along a two-mile trail that leads through the scenic interior of the refuge.





## Open Space Networks

CONTINUED FROM COVER

The Holyoke Boys and Girls Club is expected to complete its purchase of an additional 23 acres in the future. Quarrying activities have been sharply confined and will end within ten years.

The 73-acre parcel acquired by The Trustees includes part of Little Tom, a relatively undisturbed natural area that offers invigorating hiking, stunning views of the Connecticut River Valley, and a fascinating lesson in the unique geology, ecology, and history of the area. Once sufficient funds are raised, Little Tom will become a new reservation of The Trustees. Equally important, it will provide a key protected link in the emerging open space network on Mount Tom.

A fundraising campaign is now underway to meet the \$520,000 in acquisition, transaction, start-up, and management costs of the new reservation.

To learn how you can help, contact Pamela Barnes or Charlie Wyman at 413/587-0716 (pbarnes@ttor.org or cwyman@ttor.org).

## COPICUT WOODS FALL RIVER

As one of the fastest growing areas in the northeastern US, southeast Massachusetts is experiencing intense development pressures and large blocks of woodland and other open space in the region are disappearing rapidly. Hence, the Landscape Protection Plan called for working with local land trusts and state agencies to protect the region's distinctive resources, especially its large woodlands, coastal plain ponds, shore-lines, cranberry bogs, and aquifers.

In June, The Trustees' affiliate, the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT), acquired 500 acres in Fall River in a bargain sale from the Hawes family of Dartmouth. MLCT will convey the land to The Trustees for the establishment of Copicut Woods, our 92nd reservation.

Copicut, meaning "deep woods," aptly describes the largely wooded property, whose vernal pools serve as important breeding habitat for several endangered amphibians. Visitors to the reservation will discover old stone barn foundations, stone bridges, and stonewalls, all evidence of the area's agricultural past. And the intriguing history of the mile-long Miller Lane explains why its flanking stonewalls are precisely 33 feet apart and why it has a dry bridge, created in the mid 1800s to allow livestock to pass under the lane.

As important as the resources it contains is the role Copicut Woods will play as the gateway to the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, 13,600 acres of protected land and watershed resources managed cooperatively by the Commonwealth, the City of Fall River, and The Trustees. As The Trustees Bioreserve Project Manager Debbi Edelstein explains, Copicut Woods will offer a host of educational and interpretive programs to the surrounding region's 400,000 inhabitants, making the reservation a key piece of the bioreserve.

ABOVE In September, The Trustees hosted the first annual Run for the Woods, a 5K run/walk in the Bioreserve sponsored by Fleet Bank. Proceeds from the race will support environmental education programs in the bioreserve.

BELOW The dry bridge at Copicut Woods allowed livestock to pass under the Miller Lane.



ABOVE At a ceremony marking the protection of Mt. Watatic, Secretary Bob Durand of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs awarded The Trustees a "Green Seal" for our role in the project, which was spearheaded by our Land Protection Specialist Chris Rodstrom.

## MOUNT WATATIC ASHBURNHAM AND ASHBY

In Central Massachusetts, the story is different. Here, more than anywhere else in the eastern part of the state, there are broad swaths of undeveloped land large enough to support such wide-ranging species as moose, black bear, and bobcat. But as sprawl approaches, struggling farmers or landowners are tempted to sell their land for development.

Such was the possible fate of Mt. Watatic. The former ski area offers panoramic views ranging from Mt. Wachusett in the south to Mt. Monadnock and the White Mountains to the north. Unfortunately, it also offered the perfect site for a proposed communications tower, utility building, and maintenance road.

The Ashby Land Trust and its committed supporters provided strong leadership in calling attention to this threat. In June, with the deadline for purchasing the 281-acre summit and northern side of Mt. Watatic looming, The Trustees provided a \$250,000 bridge loan to the two local land trusts, Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust, and Norcross Wildlife Foundation, to help the state complete the \$2.5 million acquisition.

Mt. Watatic will be managed by the state. It will connect abutting state conservation land and serve as a scenic destination along the Mid-State Trail. As such, it fulfills a Trustees conservation strategy that calls for preserving important links that connect large areas of protected open space in central Massachusetts.

To pay for Mt. Watatic, the Ashby Land Trust and the Ashburnham Conservation Trust must raise \$1 million. Donations may be made to [www.watatic.org](http://www.watatic.org).



# 2002 ANNUAL APPEAL

## You Can Make a Difference!

Each fall, we ask you to consider making a contribution, over and above your much-appreciated membership dues, to support The Trustees' Annual Appeal.

Contributions to the Annual Appeal provide the vital funding needed to sustain stewardship efforts at our ever-growing network of 91 reservations, to undertake new land conservation projects like the effort to save Mt. Tom from development, and to expand our education programs to ensure that our children and grandchildren will become informed and inspired stewards of the Massachusetts landscape.

Despite the considerable progress that has been made, so much more needs to be done! And that is why your support for the 2002 Annual Appeal is so very important.

Your gift to The 1891 Society, The Charles Eliot Society, or at any level that you can afford (no contribution is too small) will allow us to sustain and expand our vital efforts to protect special places throughout Massachusetts. If you have not yet made your tax-deductible contribution to this year's Annual Appeal, please consider doing so. Remember—you can designate your contribution to the reservation or program of your choice.

Thank you for your continued support. With your help, we'll ensure a bright future for the Massachusetts landscape.

*Look for the Annual Appeal (SHOWN AT RIGHT) in your mail. You may contribute by using the contribution reply slip or simply mail a check to The Trustees of Reservations marked "Annual Appeal" on the memo line. Contributions are also accepted online at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).*

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HELP THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS  
PRESERVE THE BEST OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS LANDSCAPE, FROM  
THE BERKSHIRES TO CAPE COD  
AND THE ISLANDS.



Joseph Hodges Choate (1832-1917), painted by American artist James Carroll Beckwith.

## SPECIAL PIECES

### Choate Portrait Goes on Exhibit at Long Hill

The Trustees recently accepted a portrait of The Honorable Joseph Hodges Choate (1832-1917) painted by American artist James Carroll Beckwith. The gift was made by Satterlee Stephens Burke & Burke, LLP, New York, New York. The painting is a notable addition to our collection, as the Choate family figures prominently in two of our reservations.

Joseph Hodges Choate was a prominent attorney and statesman during the latter half of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th century. A Salem native and Harvard graduate, Choate served as Ambassador to the Court of St. James under the McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt administrations. He returned to the United States in 1905, the year this portrait was painted.

In the mid 1880s, Choate commissioned the architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White to design a country estate for his family in Stockbridge. Naumkeag was completed in 1886 and remained the beloved family retreat until 1959, when Mabel Choate bequeathed it to The Trustees. Joseph Choate's ancestral home on Choate Island in Ipswich and Essex is also a property of The Trustees.

The artist, James Carroll Beckwith (1852-1917) was a portrait, genre, and landscape painter whose work is highly regarded in the American art market today. Although his landscapes and murals show his greatest talent, he painted many more portraits, which was the most lucrative form of art during his lifetime. As a result of poor health, Beckwith committed suicide in New York in 1917.

The large oil on canvas portrait of Joseph Choate will hang at Long Hill in Beverly this fall and winter.



# MEMBERSHIP

## New Member Discount at The Trustees' Historic B&Bs

Trustees members now enjoy a 10% discount on all consecutive night stays at The Trustees' two historic bed & breakfasts—The Guest House at Field Farm in Williamstown and The Inn at Castle Hill in Ipswich.

The restored master bedroom at the Guest House at Field Farm, Williamstown.

The discount coincides with some exciting changes at the Guest House at Field Farm, including the refurbishment of the master bedroom. Once the home of modern art collectors Lawrence and Eleanor Bloedel, the Bauhaus-style Guest House displays paintings, sculpture, and furniture from the Bloedel's collection throughout the Guest House and grounds.

"The modern era was epitomized by form and function," explains Innkeeper Seumas Nassar, "and the refurbishment maintained that integrity while enhancing the use of the property as a bed & breakfast."

Design Within Reach, a San Francisco company that specializes in reproduction furniture, provided replicas of Eileen Gray tables and George Nelson lamps, as well as new pieces in the American Modern style that blend seamlessly with the authentic period furniture in the master bedroom. A redesign of the popular Gallery Room is planned for the spring.

The new member discount will also be offered at the Inn at Castle Hill in Ipswich, which is also introducing new lower off-season rates effective November through April. Once the guesthouse for the 59-room Great House, the Inn was recently named one of "30 Great U.S. Inns" by *Travel + Leisure* magazine, and featured in publications such as *Town & Country* and *Victoria*. ■

### INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

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The Inn at Castle Hill ■ Ipswich ■ 978/412-2555  
www.theinnatcastlehill.com



Evoking the classic geometric style of the modern movement, the Guest House at Field Farm recently developed a new logo.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

A Trustees of Reservations membership is the perfect gift for all the special people on your holiday list! And ordering your gift membership is fast, easy, and stress-free. Just call 978/921-1944 (Monday-Friday 9AM - 4PM) and we'll be happy to help with your order. Or, you can use the handy form below. Each membership includes a copy of the *Property Guide*, membership card, window decal, current issue of *Special Places*, and a note card with your personalized holiday greeting. As the holiday season fast approaches, remember the natural gift—membership in The Trustees of Reservations.



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# The Trustees of Reservations

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2002

### Message

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

During a year of unprecedented challenges, there were times when unfolding events threatened to eclipse all other concerns. In such a world, it would have been easy to dismiss conservation as irrelevant. But throughout the fall of 2001, the enduring importance of our mission was evident, as people escaped the news of the day to seek tranquility and solace in the open meadows, forested paths, and formal gardens of our reservations.

Clearly, conservation continues to matter in our everyday life, and so I am proud to report that the past fiscal year was an outstanding one. With your help, The Trustees of Reservations protected a total of 2,458 additional acres. Across the state, we engaged visitors with an increased array of educational activities and events. Our membership grew 11% to more than 32,000. And we ended the year with an operating surplus that will be strategically re-invested in our mission.

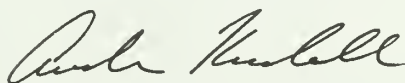
Against a backdrop of turmoil and uncertainty we did more than exceed our goals—we forged ahead with plans to accelerate the pace of conservation in Massachusetts.

According to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the pace of development has doubled since the 1950s, threatening special places in communities across the Commonwealth. While time is not on our side, the integrated nature of our work is. Simply put, the landscapes we protect, together with

our stewardship of the resources they contain, inspire our visitors to join us as members. With their help, we conserve more land, inspire more people, and create more support for conservation.

In this virtuous cycle of conservation, where success breeds success, lies the future of the Massachusetts landscape. This fiscal year, we concentrated on using the cycle of conservation to magnify our efforts. We began planning the Doyle Conservation Center, the future home of a conservation institute that will increase the capacity of the conservation community across the region. We protected important open space near urban populations with strategic partnerships, such as the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, which will serve 400,000 people. And we increased the use of our reservations as classrooms where we can inspire the next generation of conservationists.

Without your support, none of this would have been possible. From all of us at The Trustees, and on behalf of all the visitors who were inspired by a visit to our reservations, thank you.



Andrew W. Kendall  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# Major Initiatives

AS THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT INCREASES, PARTNERSHIPS WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE LAND THAT WE LOVE.

## THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Administered by The Trustees and underwritten by the Wyomissing Foundation, the Highland Communities Initiative (HCI) encourages the conservation of the natural and cultural landscapes of the relatively undeveloped Highlands of Massachusetts. HCI has pursued its objectives through research, outreach, and a small grants program.

## THE DOYLE CONSERVATION CENTER LEOMINSTER


We initiated work on a state-of-the-art, 14,000-square-foot, conservation facility dedicated to the research and practice of landscape conservation and stewardship. The Doyle Conservation Center will be home to a conservation institute that will offer training and resources to the conservation and preservation community. The Center will also house our mission-related staff, creating synergy for large, complex projects such as land protection strategies. Ground breaking is anticipated in late 2003.

## THE SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE FALL RIVER AND FREETOWN

Our efforts continued with our partners in the creation of the state's first bioreserve. We purchased a 500-acre parcel that will be our new reservation, Copicut Woods, which will serve as the gateway to the bioreserve for the region's 400,000 residents. We developed a framework for initial educational programs that included field-study programs for youth services agencies. Of the \$4 million needed for the first phase, we are grateful to have received a \$2 million challenge grant, a \$50,000 grant for land acquisition, and \$200,000 toward endowment.

# Conservation

OUR WORK BEGINS WITH CONSERVATION—PROTECTING THE LANDSCAPE AND ITS RESOURCES FOREVER, EITHER BY ACQUISITION OR CONSERVATION RESTRICTION.

conservation count		ACREAGE PROTECTED
LAND OWNED	91 reservations	23,151
LAND UNDER CR	202 parcels	13,326
ASSISTS	69 projects	10,959
(as of 6/15/02)		 TOTAL 47,436

## LAND CONSERVATION

*In a notable year, four regional conservation and capacity building efforts deserve special mention.*

- The Highland Communities Initiative. (SEE ABOVE)
- The Watershed Campaign, a partnership with the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay, that seeks to protect at least 10,000 acres of land in the Buzzards Bay Watershed during the next three to five years.
- An assessment of Greater Lowell open space needs and opportunities, in conjunction with the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments and with support from the Parker Foundation.
- Protection of the Charles River Headwaters Area within Hopkinton, Milford, and Holliston, where industrial and residential development pressures threaten.

## NEW RESERVATIONS

1. **Quinebaug Woods** Holland: 38 acres located next to the Holland Pond area and near the Leadmine Wildlife Management Area.
2. **Theodore Lyman Reserve** Bourne, Plymouth, and Wareham: 210 acres that help preserve Red Brook, one of the region's most important fresh-water fisheries.

## ADDITIONS TO RESERVATIONS

1. **Old Town Hill** Newbury: 17 acres of marshland on the banks of the Parker River. This parcel is an important step in the continuing preservation of the Great Marsh. Donated by Robert Barton.
2. **Agassiz Rock** Essex: 15 acres adjacent to Agassiz Rock, providing a long-needed buffer on the north side. Donated by Douglas DeAngelis.
3. **Doyle Reservation** Leominster: 1-acre lot with a single-family house that has been converted to temporary office space for Trustees staff. Donated anonymously.
4. **Rock House Reservation** West Brookfield: 57 acres along Rte. 9, following the conclusion of a successful \$110,000 fundraising campaign.
5. **Royalston Falls** Royalston: 12 acres abutting the historic Newton Cemetery, providing a new parking area and access point to the falls, the Tully Trail, and Metacomet & Monadnock Trail. Purchased from Ronnie Lee Loy.

## CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS & AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS

1. **Baker/Nielsen Property** Concord & Carlisle: 10 acres adjacent to the 1,200 acres protected within the historic Estabrook Woods over the past years.
2. **Squibnocket Associates Limited Partnership** Chilmark: 140 acres of dunes and nearly two miles of shoreline, providing critical habitat for endangered piping plovers.
3. **Pettengill Property** Salisbury: 40 acres of marshland, agricultural land, and woodland near Salisbury Square.
4. **Smithers Property** Windsor: 62 acres of field, forest, and wetlands surrounding their home adjacent to Notchview.
5. **Sherburne Property** Tyngsborough: 3 acres, including the family house, which was donated to the Town for use as offices and/or a museum in connection with town history and nature conservation.
6. **Burnes Property** Barnstable: 42 acres of woodlands, fresh- and salt-water wetlands, and a historic Olmsted-designed landscape.
7. **"The Oaks"** Wellesley: 9 acres within the Hunnewell Estates Historic District. Francis H. Williams.
8. **Wray Farm** Rehoboth: 207 acres, including 50 acres of productive cropland, meadows, and more than one mile of river frontage.
9. **Allandale Farm** Boston: 13 acres on the Boston portion of the last operating farm within the city limits of Boston. Members of the Lawrence family.
10. **Destruction Brook Woods** Dartmouth: 279 acres, completing the Slocum's River Conservation Project. Conveyed by the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust.



# Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP IS A  
BALANCING ACT—  
PRESERVING LANDS  
AND HISTORIC HOUSES  
WHILE OPENING  
THEM TO PEOPLE.



## FIELD OPERATIONS

Our field staff exemplifies excellence in stewardship as they maintain more than 22,000 acres and 270 miles of trail for more than 1 million visitors.

**NORTHEAST REGION** | Developed a Community Supported Agriculture program and educational programs at Appleton Farms; raised more than \$100,000 for Castle Hill and \$150,000 for Appleton Farms; opened Hamlin Reservation; and, restored the French Garden at the Stevens-Coolidge Place.

**SOUTHEAST REGION** | Worked to restore a salt marsh at World's End; rehabilitated the Chickering Pond area in Rocky Woods and implemented the Green Dogs program; and, continued restoring the gardens at the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate, where functions were booked at a record pace.

**ISLANDS REGION** | Implemented a far-reaching management plan at Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge to protect nesting shorebirds and enhance the visitor experience; published the results of a pilot study on "The Ecology of Coastal Salt Ponds"; and, restored the Japanese Garden at Mytoi.

**CENTRAL REGION** | Dedicated Quinebaug Woods as our 90th reservation; improved the view at Peaked Mountain; opened Pierce Park at the Doyle Reservation; helped complete the 18-mile Tully Trail; and, added new campsites to the Tully Lake Campground.

**WESTERN REGION** | Surveyed species at Bear Swamp; restored Bates Field at Notchview; hosted the first annual Family Farm Day at Naumkeag; unveiled a new exhibit and lectures at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead; and, opened Dry Hill as our 89th reservation.

## EDUCATION

*Knowledge of our natural and cultural heritage yields a deeper appreciation of our Commonwealth. Bringing this knowledge to life is the work of our educators.*

- The Claire Saltonstall Education Program celebrated its 10th year of partnering with the public schools on Martha's Vineyard. Roughly 35% of the Island's elementary school population learned about natural history with a visit to a Trustees reservation.
- Established an educational program at Notchview for Berkshire Trail Elementary School.
- Enhanced children's nature programs at Weir River Farm, World's End, and Bartholomew's Cobble.
- Expanded interpretation across the state continued with the creation of a naturalist position for the Cape Ann region and a series of new interpretive programs at Appleton Farms.

## PLANNING & ECOLOGY

*With their research and analysis, our planning and ecology specialists provide a greater understanding of the resources in our care.*

- Developed detailed assessments and management guidelines for World's End, Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, and historic Field Farm.

- Completed the Forest Stewardship Project, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program. Projects included grasslands restoration, invasive species removal, and forest management.
- Analyzed visitor surveys of 25 properties. The information will enhance our ability to preserve unique resources for people's enjoyment of them.

## HISTORIC RESOURCES & STRUCTURAL RESOURCES

*A dedicated group of historians, curators, and preservationists protect the historic houses and numerous collections in our care.*

- The 2001 National Preservation Honor Award honored our preservation projects at the Old Manse, the Stevens-Coolidge Place, Naumkeag, the Paine House at Greenwood Farm, and Castle Hill.
- The Massachusetts Historical Commission Award honored the reconstruction of Castle Hill's Casino.
- Reconstruction of the historic 1890s boathouse at the Old Manse.
- Conservation of the Paul Manship griffins at the Great House on Castle Hill.
- Restoration work on the Summer House at Naumkeag.
- Grand opening of the historic Paine House at Greenwood Farm.
- Baseline survey and assessment of all Trustees structures.

## People

WITH THEIR DONATIONS OF  
TIME, EXPERTISE, AND RESOURCES,  
OUR MEMBERS ARE THE  
FOUNDATION OF ALL WE DO.



## MEMBERSHIP

We recently launched a three-year campaign to double our membership to 50,000 members by March 2004. At the close of our first year, we have made considerable progress—32,242 members, representing a 21% increase over the previous year.

## VOLUNTEERS

Our annual state-wide work day, Conservation Works!, drew more than 450 volunteers and provided more than 1,500 hours of work at 20 projects across the state. Long-term volunteer projects were started at Crane Wildlife Refuge and Long Hill as part of a plan to determine the feasibility of using small teams of trained volunteers on projects.

## DEVELOPMENT & PLANNED GIVING

Despite a challenging year, but The Trustees exceeded its budgeted annual giving goals and continued to expand participation in the giving societies.

GIFT INCOME	FY 2002		FY 2001	
	Amount **	Donors	Amount **	Donors
Contributions	\$ 1,915	3,826	\$ 1,891	4,041
Membership	1,974	32,242	1,590	26,578
Gifts for Special Purposes *	9,918	1,884	5,536	2,235
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,807</b>		<b>\$ 9,199</b>	

\* Gifts for Special Purposes (endowment, land acquisition, and reservation capital improvement projects) are not reflected in the Financial Report on back page of this report.

\*\* In Thousands of Dollars.

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# CALENDAR

## WINTER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY 2003



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Look for this symbol near events  
which offer volunteer opportunities!

### CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | 1 to 3 PM**

#### **Special Places on Martha's Vineyard: Kloss Conservation Restriction**

KLOSS CONSERVATION RESTRICTION.

CHILMARK 508/693-7662

Back by popular demand, this series of walks provides access to rarely seen Vineyard properties. These properties are protected by conservation restrictions and are only opened to the public for these special events. Pre-registration required, space is limited. Members only.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 1 to 3 PM**

#### **Special Places on Martha's Vineyard: Squibnocket Point**

**Conservation Restriction**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

#### **Marine Debris Survey**

EAST BEACH, CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE,

CHAPPAQUIDDICK 508/693-7662

Help The Center for Marine Conservation monitor trash that washes up on our shores. This local beach cleanup is part of a five-year study at 75 sites across the US. Times and dates of survey vary, as they are weather permitting. Contact Suzan Bellincampi at 508/693-7662 or sbellincampi@ttr.org.



### CENTRAL REGION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 2 to 6 PM**

STORM DATE: FEBRUARY 9

#### **Peaked Mountain Winter Carnival**

MILLER FOREST TRACT, PEAKED MOUNTAIN,

MONSON 978/840-4446

Bring your snowshoes and join us for a guided hike through the woods to search for winter tracks or bring your skates and glide across Lunden Pond (conditions permitting). Warm up with a hot drink and enjoy some sugar-on-snow by the bonfire. Other activities TBA. *FREE to all.*

### GREATER BOSTON

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 | 7 PM**

#### **Book Appraisal Evening**

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Kenneth Gloss, of the Brattle Book Shop, Boston, will present a lecture and appraisal of antiquarian books. The lecture will be illustrated with examples of old and rare books. Individual appraisals will follow. **Please pre-register.** *Members and Nonmembers: \$5 per book, \$20 for five books.*

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### **NEW EVENT! NOVEMBER 18 & 19 Meteors & Moonlight at The Inn**

THE INN AT CASTLE HILL, IPSWICH 978/412-2555

Stay at The Inn at Castle Hill and view the Leonid meteor shower far from the city lights and enjoy an autumn full moon night hike. Call the Inn for more details and to reserve your stay for this unique program.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

#### **12PM tour with 1PM tea or 2PM tour with 3PM tea Afternoon Tea & Tour at the Great House**

CASTLE HILL, IPSWICH 978/356-4351

Enjoy a winter afternoon in the warmth of the Great House with a guided tour followed by a hot cup of freshly brewed tea, an elegant array of savory tea sandwiches served to your table and a sampling of delectable sweets and scones from a bountiful buffet. **Advance ticket purchase and reservation required.** *Members: adult \$18. Nonmembers: adult \$26.*

### SOUTHEAST REGION

#### **SNOW DAYS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER LESSONS FOR ADULTS:**

##### **Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing**

##### **LESSONS FOR CHILDREN:**

##### **Winter Wildlife and Animal Tracking**

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Ranger Gail Parks, an experienced athletic director, will provide cross-country skiing and snowshoeing lessons. Tara Nieves, the Education and Interpretation Coordinator, will track the local wildlife and teach children about animal adaptations to the cold. **Please pre-register.** We'll call you when there is enough snow for the lessons. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$4.50.*

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8 through**

**FEBRUARY 5 | 3:30 to 5 PM | STORM DATE: FEB 9**

#### **Winter Wednesdays Nature Club AGES 8-10**

TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Join us for a five-week, educational after-school program! The winter landscape will come to life as our

naturalist helps kids track animals, identify birds, and study how plants adapt to cold weather. **Please pre-register.** *Members: \$35. Nonmembers: \$50.*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 | 10 AM**

#### **Winter Birds**

NORRIS RESERVATION, NORWELL 781/821-2977

Start the new year with your family and friends on a leisurely walk at Norris Reservation. While many of our birds are wintering down south, many remain, and others arrive. Learn how they survive the cold New England winter. **Please pre-register.** *FREE to all.*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 | 10 AM**

#### **Winter Woodland Tree and Shrub Identification**

WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Learn helpful hints to identify common woodland trees and shrubs. Meet at the Turkey Hill parking lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane for this educational walk. **Please pre-register.** *FREE to all.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 10 AM**

#### **Winter Ornamental Tree Identification**

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Ranger Ryland Rogers will guide you along the trails of World's End offering helpful hints on identifying ornamental trees. **Please pre-register.** *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$4.50.*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 9 AM**

#### **Animal Tracking**

TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Have you noticed tracks in the snow; browse marks on a branch; or scat in the middle of the trail? Join us as we uncover the mysteries of the winter wildlife. Meet at the Turkey Hill Parking Lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane. **Please pre-register.** *FREE to all.*

**TUESDAY through THURSDAY**

**FEBRUARY 18, 19, & 20 | 9 AM to 12PM**

#### **February Vacation Nature Program, AGES 6-10**

WEIR RIVER FARM AND WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM 781/821-2977

Educational! Exciting! Through exploration, games, and crafts, kids will love learning about wildlife tracking, winter survival, and animal adaptations. **Please pre-register.** *Members: \$60. Nonmembers: \$75.*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 1 PM**

#### **Barnyard Tour**

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781/740-7233

Bring your family and friends to Weir River Farm and spend an afternoon with the barnyard animals. Farm staff is on-hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Park in lot at end of Turkey Hill Lane. Follow path through the forest to the farm. Weather permitting. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3.*



## WESTERN REGION

### CALL FOR DATES AND TIMES Women's Nordic Ski Clinics

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR, JEAN MANGAN 413/634-2123

A chance for women to improve their skills and fitness level in an encouraging environment. Program will feature video tape of skiers technique as an instructional aid. Advanced beginner through intermediate. Limit of 8 women per clinic. Pre-registration required. Members \$40. Nonmembers \$50.

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY | 8 AM to 4:30 PM**

### Ski Season Starts at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

Notchview opens for early season skiing. We will offer 27 km. of trails of all difficulties; 17 km. are groomed and tracked. Notchview has two trail shelters plus the Budd Visitor Center. We have been working on improvements to Circuit Trail this year. We offer snowshoe rentals and a loop for skiing with your dog. Call about lodging at one of the Hilltown Bed and Breakfast Inns or stay at The Trustees' Guest House at Field Farm. Call us for updated ski conditions or look for conditions on the Web at [www.xcskimass.com](http://www.xcskimass.com). Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$9, child \$2.

**SATURDAYS, JANUARY 11, FEBRUARY 1, & FEBRUARY 8 | 10 AM**

BAD WEATHER CANCELS. CALL AHEAD

### Notchview Race Series

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

10 Km. Freestyle races. Open to all. This is a group of low key races designed to allow for some excitement and to provide a chance to keep the competitive juices flowing. Nonmembers: adult \$9, child \$2.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 | 9 AM to 3 PM**

### Ski Fest 2003

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

Learn to ski this winter. It is one of the best all-around exercises going! This international Learn-to-Ski day is now a tradition. We will feature free lessons, waxing clinics, and fun activities. Ski rentals can be arranged. The object is to get out and enjoy the winter. Nonmembers: adult \$9, child \$2.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 | 7 to 9 PM**

### Moonlight Skiing at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

This is the oldest event and still a favorite at Notchview. Come and discover how your favorite trail skis in the Moonlight. Cider and popcorn afterwards. Bring a group! Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$9, child \$2.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | TBA**

### Volvo Eastern Cup Race

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

A 5 or 10 km classical race. Part of the Volvo Eastern Cup series. Rarely does this series come to Massachusetts. Fun to race or watch. Check the New England Nordic Ski Association website [www.NENSA.net](http://www.NENSA.net) for details and registration information. Sponsored by the Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Club. Please pre-register. Fees to be determined.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 7 to 9 PM**

### Moonlight Skiing at Notchview

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

Bring your Valentine moonlight skiing. How romantic! Cider and popcorn afterwards. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$9, child \$2.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 | 10 AM**

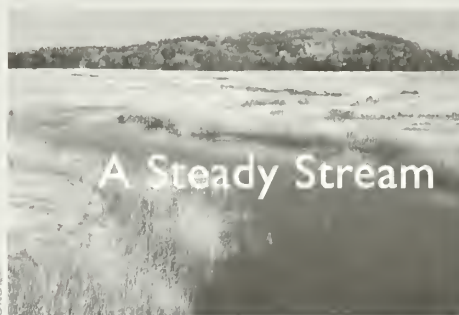
### Bread n' Jam Ski Race

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/684-0148

The sixteenth annual "Bread and Jam" race. A 10 km classical style race. Also a 20 Km if there is interest. Home baked goods as prizes. Open to all. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$9, child \$2.

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### Think Snow! Think Notchview!

Time to think snow already? It is for Jim Caffrey, Superintendent of Notchview, home of The Trustees' cross-country skiing facility in Windsor, Massachusetts. Though last year's snowfall left something to be desired, hope springs eternal, and Jim is looking forward to a busy season of skiing. "Notchview is one of the only ski sites above 2,000 feet in New England, which means if there's snow, we're getting it, especially late in the season," promises Jim. Windsor is generally 10 degrees colder than the surrounding Hilltowns, and gets 45" more snowfall each winter on average.

## OUT & ABOUT

Notchview's 3,108 acres offer 35km of cross-country ski trails (20km are groomed) most of which are single-track for classical skiing. Nearly 4km are groomed for skate skiing and a multi-use area features 2km of groomed trails as a "dog-loop" for fun in the snow with your pet. The Budd Visitor Center features a waxing area, a new masonry heater for warming cold skiers, hot chocolate, and a great view of the property. Check out the calendar section on page 10 for Notchview events this winter, or check ski conditions at [www.xcskimass.com](http://www.xcskimass.com), [www.xcski.org](http://www.xcski.org), or by calling 413/684-0148. Members ski and snowshoe for free! ■



NOTCHVIEW  
WINDSOR

#### HOW TO GET THERE

From the intersection of Route 8A and 9 in Windsor Center, take Route 9 east and follow for 1 mile to entrance and parking (100 cars; regularly plowed) on left.



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